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11. (C) Poloff delivered reftel demarche on US nominee for UN International Civil Service Commission (ICSC) election to Counselor Gabriella Biondi, MFA UN desk officer, on October 126. Biondi stated that the GOI is familiar with the nominee, Lucretia Myers, and looks favorably on her nomination. She added that the GOI nominee, Gian Luigi Valenza, also supports the candidacy of Myers and has specifically stated that the GOI should vote for her. Biondi reaffirmed the qualification of the Italian candidate, but understood that the USG would not operate on a quid pro quo basis for the election. THORNE